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In the absence of congressional legislation on artificial intelligence (AI), states are beginning to write their own proposals designed to quell its harmful consequences. Due to the unsettled nature of federal policymaking, states are moving forward with actions on privacy, bias, discrimination, safety, and security, among other topics. The White House's recent [Executive Order on AI](#) is a useful step forward, but its full implementation is going to require national legislation that implements the October 2022 [Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights](#), the January 2023 [NIST AI Management Framework](#), and insights derived from Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer's AI Insights Forum. While it is clear that [federal lawmakers and company executives alike](#) are eager to advance the U.S.'s AI capabilities and international leadership, their failure to enact new legislation is encouraging states to take their own actions on AI oversight and regulation.

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